

Seven Generations Ahead Internship Posting

Position: Zero Waste Intern (Part-time / Remote and In Person)

Position Summary:

Seven Generations Ahead (SGA) is offering an internship opportunity for an individual to support SGA's food waste reduction and zero waste education efforts. In accepting this position you would dedicate 15-20 hours per week. Times are subject to agreement between SGA staff and intern.

Support SGA in strategizing ways to improve participation and quality of recycling, composting, waste hierarchy in Illinois, as well as support educational outreach and direct implementation in K-12 schools, businesses and communities as needed. The **Zero Waste Intern** will provide support across a variety of SGA projects and programs.

- Statewide food scrap composting and wasted food reduction through the Illinois Food Scrap Coalition and the Wasted Food Action Alliance.
- Zero Waste Schools program launching zero waste lunchrooms in Chicago Public Schools and Lake County.
- Food rescue and composting pilot in Chicago-area grocery stores (part of a national chain)

Opportunities to assist with public speaking, research, data management and more will be available over the course of the internship. Additional opportunities may include offering logistical support for SGA programming including coordinating partners and other projects as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Strong communication and writing skills to knowledgeably and professionally represent SGA and its programs in a variety of audiences and ages - REQUIRED
- Demonstrated dedication to protecting the environment and a willingness to try new tasks and outreach opportunities - REQUIRED
- Successfully clear a background and felony records check - REQUIRED
- Knowledge of recycling, composting, upcycling, and waste issues - PREFERRED
- Reliable personal transportation, and flexible availability - PREFERRED

Computer and information management skills

- Google platform (gmail, documents, sheets, presentations, groups) - REQUIRED
- Social Media and websites (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter) - PREFERRED

Hours:

A flexible schedule of 15 – 20 hours per week agreed upon by you and coordinating staff member, as well as attendance at SGA events, schedule permitting. Intern will receive a \$250 stipend at the conclusion of the internship contract.

Mission - Founded in 2001, Seven Generations Ahead's mission is to build ecologically sustainable and healthy communities.

Our Work - SGA works with local government, community and private sector leaders to help communities make the changes they need to build a healthy and sustainable future. Through community-wide sustainability planning and implementation, project design and implementation, educational conferences and forums, community network development, consulting, and programs, SGA is a catalyst for local community solutions to global environmental issues. SGA's work covers a broad range of sustainability topic areas, including: energy efficiency and renewable energy; transportation; healthy community development; waste reduction; water conservation; green business; procurement; local, sustainable food; healthy eating; open space and ecosystem enhancement; and sustainability education.

Websites - www.sevengenerationsahead.org www.illinoiscomposts.org www.wastedfoodaction.org